

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 2020 - HB 2063**

March 4, 2020

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires the Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture (DOA) to establish and maintain an Office of Sustainable Agriculture (Office) and employ at least one sustainable agricultural specialist whose primary duties shall be the provision and coordination of technical assistance, support, and encouragement needed to promote and enhance research and statewide advancement of sustainable agriculture. Requires the University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture and Tennessee State University College of Agriculture Cooperative Extension Program to assist such Office within their budgetary resources.

Requires the Commissioner, prior to promulgating any rule or adopting any policy or standard, to determine whether the application of the rule, policy, or standard is adverse to the advancement of sustainable agriculture.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures - \$88,500/FY20-21  
\$87,000/FY21-22 and Subsequent Years**

Assumptions:

- The DOA will require one additional position to serve as the director of this newly created Office.
- A recurring increase in state expenditures of \$87,032 (\$60,000 salary + \$16,532 benefits + \$10,000 travel + \$500 supplies) and an increase in one-time state expenditures of \$1,500 for computer-related expenses.
- The University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture and Tennessee State University College of Agriculture Cooperative Extension Program can provide assistance to this Office utilizing existing resources.
- An increase in state expenditures in FY20-21 of \$88,532 (\$87,032 + \$1,500).
- A recurring increase in state expenditures in FY21-22 and subsequent years of \$87,032.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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